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Written for the Gazotte. In the words of the old sea-song-"As we sailed, as we sailed," over the broad bosom of the placid Pacific, I often imagined to myself the galleons of the early Spanish navigators, groping their way by "dead-reckoning." over the same track we were now pursuing, with an advantage, however, that they did not possess-an instrument generally as true as the needle to the pole-the chrorometer. It is, however, really surprising to observe the accurate judgment of experienced seamen in estimating the rate of speed at which a vessel travels on a given course, and arriving at a conclusion as to the latitude and longitude. When it is remembered that leeway, currents of the ocean, and variation of the compass, have all to be considered in this connection, it must be allowed that it is something wonderful. Thus, frequently on our passage to Manila while taking the observation at noon for the latitude, I have heard the captain say to the mate, "We are in about so and so." This, too, after we had been steering a half a dozen different courses during the twentyfour hours, in order to avoid the islands and shoals in our track, and had observed various currents setting in various directions. When the altitude was obtained and the latitude worked out it would be found that the "old man" was generally within a mile or two, one way or the other. of the true figure-near enough for safety, if we had been unprovided with instru-

As an illustration of the remarkable degree of skill in navigation to which our eamen arrive after long years of experience, the hardy whalers may be instanced, who cruise among the fogs and around the shoals and through the ice-fields of the North Pacific; where, often for weeks, they get no sight of either sun moon, or Cor. Battery & Clay Sts, San Francisco. [60] stars. Scarcely ever though, is a vessel lost in those dangerous seas, except through very heavy stress of weather.

I have heard it said, that the skipper of the New London craft that used to trade to the West Indies always found their way home again by the shingles which they had dropped overboard, at intervals of a mile or two, on the passage out. But I don't believe this is true.

A few weeks after leaving the Fijiis, we came up with the Phillippine Islands. Passing through the strait that separates the island of Luzon-on which Manila is situated-from another and smaller island of the group, we came at length to the bay of Manila. It is truly a magnificent sheet of water, second only, in my opinion, to that of Rio Janeiro. Narragansett Bay, in Rhode Island, and the Bay of Islands, in New Zealand, may compare fa-

vorably with it-Before reaching our anchorage, we bailed from a "guarda costa"-a long, clum sy looking row-boat, with thirty rowers, double-banked. The rowers were all Tagalees-aboriginal natives of the Phillipnines, and in the stern-sheets were two Spanish officials, with cocked hats, spanlets and gold lace. In the bow of the boat was a brass six-pounder. The bail was in Spanish, which our captain understood pretty well. The order was for us to anchor at a certain place, until the port physician should board us and examine our condition as to health. This was done early the next morning-a grazzly, moustached, gold-laced, spectacled and pompous little Spaniard, making his appearance in another great, clumsy, thirty-oared boat, similarly armed as the guarda costa, He was received by the captain with Castillian politeness, and conducted to the quarter-deck. All hands were called aft and we were each subjected to a critical examination, which extended to running out our tongues and exposing our teeth to inspection. After pronouncing everything bueno," the doctor delivered a written paper to the captain, which was our clean bill of health, and entitled us to enter the canal-as the lower part of the river is called-on both banks of which, Manila is built. It was not, however, until the day had nearly passed, that the officer came on board, whose duty it was to rise our bill of health-without which red-tape ceremony, we could not have passed the battery and gunboats which were stationed at the mouth of the canal. Early the next morning, we hauled into the canal, and after a great deal of tugging and pulling with lines, at about three o'clock in the afternoon, we were moored in our berth on the side of the stream opposite to that where the natives mostly lived. No foreign vessels were allowed to anchor on that side. but were invariably ke it on the Spanish side. The Spaniards of Manila, with but few exceptions, live or herd together on

my Chinese friends, and joined them in of growling at being kept entirely on what their repasts. In the variety of their he termed "sick men's grub." could have dreamed, that the ugly looking in sight, all like ourselves, trying to get to although I must confess that some went and clew down!-be lively there!" In extremely against my palate. Their ten prompt obedience to the orders, in a very I drank tea among the Chinamen in Ma. came down upon us. For a short time nila, I have felt a desire to go back to drink tea again, for I have never drank any A French ship, which lay like us, becalmreal tea since. The decoction that "cheers, but not inebriates," can only be found in first to catch the squall. Having all sail perfection in China or the Indies. A trans- out, she took the wind on her broadside portation over the sea spoils it. Unlike and lay over for a moment to the wind.

After having got rid of our cargo to the Chinese merchants, we proceeded to clear out the ship ready for the homeward cargo. out the ship ready for the homeward cargo. work to put up jury top-masts. The wind, This was to consist of bales of hemp and coming off shore the same day, took us everybody knows, composed of the fibres cash was realized to load, not only the brig. with a return cargo, but also to charter and load a large Boston ship. Our owners could not have netted less than \$30,000 and while just off the cape, we experienfor the voyage of twenty-four months, which was the time of our absence from

We lay at Mauila about a month, and during that time I enjoyed several very

day of rest. We were not a little surprised therefore and a good lead in the deep, deep sea. But something struck me on the head a blow that hands to "turn-to," and hoist in the new few exceptions, live or herd together on appointing as spokesman, an intelligent, I found myself in the cabin of the brig. one side of the river. Here are all the though a rough and wild sort of a fellow, and the captain teaming down my throat, palatial residences of the government offiwho had been mate of an Indiaman, went After a couple of hours, I was as well as cials the princely merchants, and the aft in a body and boldly demanded the ever. planters. Here are also several cathedrals | Sunday. They wanted one day out of sevand numerous churches, and among them en as a day of rest, and one they must longer, of the recital of which, I fancy my are some noble specimens of architecture. Every morning and evening, the chimes day or another. The captain stormed and various kinds of people, I arrived safely

and bred-the time-bonored strains of Ro- of course, nothing to say in this matter.

and bred—the time-honored strains of Roman Catholic sacred music.

Soon after we arrived, a number of Chinese merchants came on board to examine our cargo of biohele-sme. They were shall clothes, with little round caps on their heads, surmounted with a gold butter, their faces adorned with grey moustaches, a tail hanging behind which reached to the ground, and they were all chewing between the disturbance, was discharged from the day, surmounted with grey moustaches, a tail hanging behind which reached to the ground, and they were all chewing between the captain as the ringleader and fomenter of the disturbance, was discharged from the texaming taken off, specimens of the fish were handed up, and carefully examined by the captain with our captain—see colestial connoisseurs. They seemed to be quite satisfied with the quality, and closing the bargain with our captain—see and consigned to be again. The same price seemed to be agained their day of rest. But the same proved to the straits of Banca, where we are now at work to interest the capital of this country in the protection of been root sugar. Among these may be enumerated, first, the depression of the submitted of the war. When the shipped him in New Zealand, where he had lived in the lawless style of a veritable beach-comber, and the capital of the same horest extraord the disturbance and the capital of the same horest. The lawles of the disturbance and the capital of the same horest of the war of the disturbance and the same horest. The lawless of the disturbance and the same horest in which the capital of the same horest. The unshing the same hore after the same horest. The unshing the same hore after the same horest. The capital of the same horest of the war house and the same hore after the same hor tions of their experts, and chattering to or more after that, the unusual spectacle them in what was to me, of course, could be witnessed, of Jack Tar, enjoyquite Greek. Often they would come to ing boiled eggs and broiled chicken for ne, and by signs, and a few words of Eng-breaklast, chicken soup and roast suck for lish, imperfectly spoken invite me to eat dinner, and cold boiled fowl for supper. It with them. Although my meals were sent may sound something like extravagance, to me, three times a day, from the house but it was really cheaper than to feed the of the agents of our vessel, yet out of curi- men on salt provisions. Jack knew this. osity. I often accepted the invitations of too, and not fail to exercise his privilege

dishes, they reminded me of the French- We got under-weigh several times from a little of this and a little of that -but their | Anjier, endeavoring to get out into the stand-by was rice. Samschoo-a very flery Indian Ocean, but were forced to come to liquor, made from the bamboo, a petit stere an anchor again, on account of winds and wound up the dinner. Once they gave currents. One day, lying becalmed off a ne a dish of soup, made of bichele mer; contral mountain known as Cockatoo Point, it certainly was very delicious. I never there were no less than fifty sail of vessels sea slug, which I had been helping to catch sea. The captain was restlessly pacing and cure could be so appetizing. Various the deck, ever and anon-sweeping the horqueer looking condiments and questionable | izon with his glass, anxiously looking for a ooking articles of food were placed before breeze. Suddenly he paused, as he looked ne during the repasts, to all of which, as in the direction of the mountain, and turnpoliteness required, I gave due attention. ing sharp round, he shouted-"Clew up was grand. The nearer one gets to China, short space of time, the brig was under the better the tea and the farther off from bare-poles. A few minutes sufficed to ex-China, the poorer the quality. Ever since plain the mystery, for a "white-squall" only, the wind blew a perfect hurricane. ed about two miles in shore of us, was the coffee, it wants no age, and must be taken nearly on her beam ends, and when she righted, all three top-masts, yards, gear, bowsprit and jib-boom, were over the side. The squall over, the ship was towed in

boxes of indigo. The first is, as almost out of the straits, and we were once more on the broad ocean-the Indian Ocean. Southward we sailed, towards the Cape of a tree-of the genus Cannabis. This, of Good Hope, past the Isle of France, the fertile soil of the Phillippines produces and sighted the rocky isle of St. Paul'sin immense quantities, and Manila rope is favorite resort of sperm whalers, the adjacent waters abounding is fish. Making Table Mountain, the southernmost point the proceeds of the Fijii cargo, enough of the continent of Africa, we steered away for St. Helena, from whence a short time before, the remains of the great Napoleon had been conveyed to France. But before we got into the S. E. trades,

night, blowing in squalls, and with a heavy rolling sea, the latter peculiar to that lattitude. All hands being called to reef topsails. I clambered aloft-I was as active as a kitten then-and reaching the main-top-mast cross trees, slided down on oleasant rambles on shore, and visited the leeward lift to the earing of the sail. nany of the grand old churches and mon- The brig, under reduced canvas, was rollasteries on the Spanish side of the river. ing heavily and just as I had got astride of the end of the yard, the lift parted, and with a sudden jerk I was flong, head paintings by the old masters, and many over heels, into the linky haed become of a curious relics of olden times, when Spain great wave. Overboard in mid-ocean! was the proud mistress of the seas of the Only for a moment beneath the surface, I looked up to find myself already a long distance astern of the brig, by the reced-By an error in the calculations of the ing lights from which I could discern that early navigators in crossing the parallels of | 1 could have but little hopes of ever getearly navigators in crossing the parallels of longitude, it happened that Sunday with then passed through my mind! Death us was Saturday with them. This made and eternity were before me. However things a little awkward, as regarded the enpuble I was of swimming, my exhauswork of the ship. We had taken out our tion was only a question of time. That nannuast-it being decayed-and on the time elapsed slowly enough. Now on the Manila Saturday night, the new mast was depths between two-I kept myself on the brought alongside. Our practice while in | the top of the water, mechanically, having ort had been, to keep the Sunday after given myself up for gone. Ready, through the custom of the country and accordingly on this occasion, we had worked all the gradually began to feel sense of resignaday, expecting that the next would be a tion to what seemed an inevitable fate, a therefore, and a good deal indignant instead of stunning me, put new life into when, in the morning, the mate ordered all me, and then I was for a moment aware that somebody had caught me by the hair of the head, and that I was hauled into main-mast. The seamen demurred, and the boat. Then I became insensible, until spoonful at a time, hot rum and water.

I will not continue this Pijii story any and 2) house for sale houlds a co. from a hundred bells rung out melodiously raved, the mate was ready chorus and said in was Monday, but the men were firm, but the cars of a Protestant, born Jim Bickford and myself, being boys, had

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affairs, hay before our readers.

Very lew are aware of the enormous quantity of sugar used in this country, and the extremely small proportion grown here. The reports of the Commissioners of Agriculture, show that the United States consume over one hillion of pounds of sugar, and forry-five million gallons of molasses annually. Of this great total not one per cent, is of home production, while every pound ought to be grown on our sull.

The fact has long been established that, owing to peculiarities of our soil and climate, beets grown in this country contain from one or two per cent, more saccharine matter than those grown in Europe. In the manufacture of beet root sugar circumstances are all in our favor except the one item of labor, but as labor only represents 34 per cent. of the cost of production, the difference between its value in this country and in Europe is nearly counterbalanced by the cheapness of our lands and the increased product, so that without taking into account the tariff on sugar, we could nearly compete with French and German producers.

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The amount of revenue received by France from the sugar industry is greater than from any other one source. In this respect it is to France what the malt tax is to England. Now possessing advantages superior to France in every particular except cheap labor, it is, we think, impossible to show why this industry should not spring at once into healthy activity, if capitalists would open their eyes to the promise of profit it offers.

SHOOTING EXTRAORDINARY—AN OLD MAN SHOOTING EXTRAGRDINARY—AN OLD MAN OF EIGHTY YEARS TAKES A POP OR TWO WITH HIS GRANDSONS AND SON-LAW.—An old family fend came to a shooting focus last Monday at Abbeyville, in Lafayette county, Miss., about 60 miles from Memphis, which, from the disparity of the parties engaged, and their peculiar relations, rather takes the lead of all the shooting scrapes we have had the mournful pleusure of recording in many years. There is something so incredible and solemnly indicrous in an old man with wintry hair, and little of it, turning back from the open grave to have a deadly conflict with his grandchildren, that we would not tell the open grave to have a deadly conflict with his grandchildren, that we would not tell such a story without the most satisfactory evidence of the fact. But yesterday we met a prominent citizen from Mississippi, who gave us the following authentic statement:

Last Monday one John Clarke, aged eighty, of Lafayette county, Mississippi, and hisson, a man of years and family, had a difficulty at Abbeville with William Wimberly and Wimberly's two sons, both young men. Now, Wimberly, senoir, is the son-in-law of Clarke, senior; hence the young Wimberlys are the grandsons of old Mr. Clarke. The fracas they had was the result of an old family fend, which has been on hand for many years, but the history of it we are unable to give yet. They met us town perhaps by a concerted plan; anyway, they met, they skirmished, they flourished revolvers and bowicknives, fired several salout at each other and slashed vigorously with their knives. It bowicknives, first several shots at each other and slashed vigorously with their knives. It is to be regretted that the speciators inter-fered before any work was made for the Cor-oner. When the smoke of battle cleared away it was ascertained that there was killed, away it was ascertained that there was killed, none; wounded five. Every one engaged was wounded. Grandfather Clarke received a shot in the head that might have killed a younger man. But be will probably recover and live yet to kill his man. His affectionate son-in-law, old man. Wimberly was well shot in the neck; he also may recover. The three young men, Clarke as, his nephews, the two Wimberlys, were sliced and backed with the knives, but not dangeronsly. It is said that they all intend to recover as soon as convenient and dinsh the battle. The Clarke family became famous in the line of tragedy many years ago. Not long before the war, old man Clarke had two sons, John and William, killed by a neighbor named Thomason and two sons. The peculiar feature of that tragedy was that one of the Clarkes killed, was Thomason's son-in-law. In the fracas Thomason was beaten nearly to death, but his sons came to his relief and the two Clarkes were shot down like beeves. The Thomason fled to Arkansus, and never returned to Mississippi. This makes a family nistory a near all put together that is without a parallel. Match it. none; wounded five. Every one engaged ced a severe gale. It came on just at

a parallel. Match it.

EDITORIAL NOTINGS.—Characteristics tell. A Gotham girl is known by her dash, andacity, and nonchalance; a Boston girl by her full eyes, clongated gait, and a copy of Emerson and Lowell under each arm; a Pulladeiphia girl by her freat face, gold eye glasses, a predominance of drab in her costume, and a nowhere to put her hands and arms; a Baltimore girl for bewitching lightness, a love of venerated blood, killing kins, and a belief that the Monumental City will eventually he the centre of the universe; a Washington girl for abow in dress, chicanery in manners, pale cheeks, sentiment, and an early market; a Chicago girl, a "bet" that Crosby's Opera House is the best in the world; the St. Louis girl for her hearty speech, taking ways, adoption of New York speech, taking ways, adoption of Ne styles; and a New Orl. ans girl a be the source of the ocean is the Mi

Don't Came for his Ton.—While the morning train from Hartford to Providence was at Moosup station, Saturday, the expressman dropped an axe which happened to hit the foot of a bystander named Bennett badly cutting his big toe. The wounded man made things lively for a while, using adjectives not found in Webster, but a muning the crowd by asserting that he "did not care for his toe, but it made him mad to see a new pair of boots which cost sight deilars, thus spoiled." He evidently folt much like the old negro who carried his hat under his arm during a storm because "his head was